



Boat Pumpout Grant Program

Eligible Costs and Reporting Requirements

The Maine Boat Pumpout Grant Program has two grant types; system installation, and operation and maintenance. This fact sheet will provide you with details on eligible costs for both types as well as any reporting requirements.

System Installation

The primary purpose of the pumpout grant program is to provide funding for the installation of pumpout systems. **MEDEP will pay 75% of the cost of system purchase (90% for municipalities), installation, and construction costs associated with installation of the system including connection to a public sewer line or installation of a holding tank.**

There are only 2 restrictions on eligible costs for system installation.

1. The PGP will not pay for the installation of a septic system that includes a leach field or disposal field. Both MEDEP and the administrators of the Clean Vessel Act do not feel that holding tank waste can be adequately treated in a standard subsurface disposal system in typical Maine soils. **Holding tanks are eligible.**
2. The PGP will not pay for the dock or float the system is to be located on. The assumption is that the dock or float has several existing purposes and the addition of a pumpout system is not the only reason for the dock or float.

Operation and Maintenance

A new facet of the Maine PGP is the addition of a *reimbursement* grant for operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. **MEDEP will pay 75% of the O&M of the pumpout system purchase (90% for municipalities)** including:

- ✓ Cost of waste disposal from the holding tank.
- ✓ Cost of waste disposal to the public sewer.
- ✓ Electricity cost of the pumpout station (if that cost can be separated from the rest of the facility).
- ✓ Personnel costs (salary + overhead) to operate the pumpout system (the cost of that person actually operating the system).
- ✓ Cost of any repair that is not covered under warranty as long as the cost is not due to negligence or misuse.

Operation and Maintenance con't

In order to get reimbursed for operations and maintenance costs, the applicant must:

1. Maintain records of pumpout use including but not limited to:
 - a) date serviced,
 - b) approximate length of vessel,
 - c) type of vessel (power/sail),
 - d) hailing port of vessel,
 - e) volume pumped and
2. Provide receipts/invoices for disposal costs if applicable, and/or
3. Provide a personnel time summary including per hour rate and % of their time devoted to pumpouts if applicable, and/or
4. Provide receipts/invoices for any other cost (electricity, repair, parts etc.), if applicable.

A notice about the log, weatherproof log book and pencil attached to self serve systems will meet the record keeping requirement. Weatherproof log books are available from MEDEP free of charge. The applicant will submit the log (or copies of applicable pages) at the end of the operating year.

Contractual Agreement

If your facility has any combination of slip space and moorings for 18 or more vessels 24 feet or greater in length, **you are required to have a pumpout system or provide for pumpouts through a contractual agreement approved by the MEDEP** (38 M.R.S.A. §423-B). The cost of a contractual agreement (like system installation) is eligible for funding through the PGP. The MEDEP will pay 75% of the cost of the contractual agreement (90% for municipalities) as long as the contractual agreement is more effective or more feasible than a pumpout installation.

To qualify for a grant for a contractual agreement, the applicant must provide a copy of the contract, including cost of service, service time expectations and pumpout cost cap of \$5, and length of contract,

If the MEDEP receives all the information detailed in this handout, as well as a complete grant application, **we will pay the grant within 30 days**. If you do not hear from us or receive a check within 30 days, please contact Pam Parker immediately at (207)287-7905.